

Academy Contact Information

If an applicant has not already done so, he/she should open a pre-candidate file with the service academies they desire to attend. To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, contact them directly.

US Air Force Academy

Admissions Office
Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651
(800) 443-9266
www.usafa.edu

US Merchant Marine Academy

Admissions Office
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
(866) 546-4788
www.usmma.edu

US Military Academy

Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-1797
(800) 822-2769
www.usma.edu

US Naval Academy

USNA Admissions Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
(888) 249-7707
www.usna.edu

Note: Congressional nominations are no longer required or submitted for the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA). If you are interested in attending the Coast Guard Academy, contact the academy directly.

US Coast Guard Academy

Admissions Office
New London, CT 06320-4195
(203) 444-8501
www.uscga.edu

PETE OLSON

22ND DISTRICT, TEXAS

312 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-5951

1650 HIGHWAY 6
SUITE 150
SUGAR LAND, TX 77478
(281) 494-2690

6302 WEST BROADWAY STREET
SUITE 220
PEARLAND, TX 77591
(281) 485-4855



COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND COMMERCE
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SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
MANUFACTURING AND TRADE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Application for Congressional Nomination 22nd District - Texas

Please indicate below the academy which you are interested in attending. If interested in more than one academy, indicate your choices by number in order of preference (1 being your first choice).

_____ AIR FORCE ACADEMY
(Colorado Springs, Colorado)

_____ MILITARY ACADEMY
(West Point, New York)

_____ MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY
(Kings Point, New York)

_____ NAVAL ACADEMY
(Annapolis, Maryland)

Name _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Mailing Address _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Permanent Address _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

County _____ Social Security# _____ Birth Date _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell () _____ Email _____

Education _____
HIGH SCHOOL CITY STATE ZIP

Year to Graduate _____ GPA _____ of _____ Class Rank _____ in a Class of _____

Parents names _____ Mother's Work Phone _____

Legal Guardian _____ Father's Work Phone _____

Are you seeking a nomination through other sources? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, with whom? _____

Have you attended any college? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, college and dates _____

Have you taken or are you taking any dual credit courses affiliated with your local community college?

If yes, community college and dates _____

Have you or are you attending a Prep school? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, where _____

Please indicate your participation in any of the following high school extra-curricular activities:

GRADE	ACTIVITY	GRADE	ACTIVITY
9 10 11 12	Boy's State/Boy's Nation	9 10 11 12	Girl Scout
9 10 11 12	Girl's State/Girl's Nation	9 10 11 12	Gold Award
9 10 11 12	Pres. of Student Government	9 10 11 12	Eagle Scout
9 10 11 12	Other Student Gov. Office	9 10 11 12	Boy Scout
9 10 11 12	Other Class Office	9 10 11 12	Officer, Club
9 10 11 12	Student Council Member	9 10 11 12	Science Club
9 10 11 12	National Honor Society	9 10 11 12	Math Club
9 10 11 12	Junior ROTC Officer	9 10 11 12	Key Club
9 10 11 12	Junior ROTC	9 10 11 12	Language Club
9 10 11 12	Editor, School Paper	9 10 11 12	Band/Chorus
9 10 11 12	Other _____	9 10 11 12	Yearbook Staff

High School Athletic Participation:

Sport	Grade	Team	Awards/Honors
_____	9 10 11 12	F JV V	_____
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Personal Essay

Please complete the following essay prompt in less than 500 words. The essay should be either typed or written legibly.

Prompt: Succeeding in a military academy takes a special person making a special commitment. Please tell us about an experience or series of experiences that prepare you for taking on this challenge. This experience could be a specific leadership experience, a particular motivation for attending a military academy, an obstacle or disappointment you have overcome, or another experience that gives us insight into why you are a qualified candidate.

I have applied to each of the academies that I have indicated I am interested in attending.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Privacy Act of 1974 Statement

Congressman Pete Olson, please monitor my progress in seeking an appointment to an Academy. I hereby consent for the Academy to divulge information from my records for this purpose.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Application for Nomination to a U.S. Service Academy Personal Recommendation Form

This form is to be completed by a teacher, school administrator, religious leader, community leader, or employer who is familiar with the applicant's desire to attend a military service academy and his/her relevant qualifications.

Note to Applicant: Three Personal Recommendation Forms must be sent to Congressman Pete Olson's Pearland District Office, postmarked on or before **Tuesday, October 15, 2013** for an application to be considered complete.

To the Recommender: The Military Service Academies provide both a college education and training for students to become commissioned officers in the Armed Forces following their graduation. The below questions are designed to provide information helpful in selecting the best qualified candidates. By law, all materials must be shown to a student upon request. This form is a required part of the student's application process for a congressional nomination. A student must receive a nomination from their US Congressman, US Senator, or the Vice President to be accepted to an academy. Please return this form to the applicant, along with any additional pages or letters, sealed in an envelope and signed along the flap well before the deadline listed above. Please answer the SPECIFIC QUESTIONS asked on this form. Feel free to use additional pages.

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Please describe the applicant's talents, strengths, and leadership ability.

How could this applicant improve in order to rise to the challenges presented by a US service academy?

In what ways does the applicant show the maturity to fulfill the commitments and obligations that accompany a service academy education?

How does the applicant handle challenging situations and/or failures?

Do you know of any personal circumstances that might affect the applicant's performance at a service academy?

How would you best describe the applicant?

Recommender's Signature _____

Date: ____/____/____

Recommender's Name (printed) _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone: _____

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**CONGRESSMAN PETE OLSON 22ND DISTRICT- TEXAS
ILLEGAL DRUG STATEMENT**

This is to certify that I have never knowingly used any form of illegal drugs. I understand that I will be required to take a drug test while undergoing my medical exam for admission to the academy.

Date

Signature of Applicant

Return this form with your application by Tuesday, October 15th, 2013

Checklist

All required items must be mailed or hand delivered to the **Pearland District Office**, postmarked by **Tuesday, October 15th, 2013**. Only complete applications will be considered for a nomination. For delivery verification, you may wish to request a return receipt from the Post Office.

- **Signed Application and Resume**

Both must be completed and signed by the applicant. They must be typed or legibly written

- **One official (not photocopied) high school or college transcript**

- **One current photograph no larger than 3" by 5"**

This photo is not required to be professional quality

- **One personal essay or a writing sample no greater than five (5) pages on the topic of your choice (this should be a research paper or report that you prepared for a high school or college class)**

Instructions for the personal essay can be found in this packet after the athletic information section

- **At least one official (not photocopied or printed) SAT (6069) or ACT (7703) Score Record. If tests are retaken during an applicant's senior year, updated scores will be accepted after the October 15th Deadline but cannot be considered if received after an applicant's interview with our Service Academy Board.**

- **A signed "Illegal Drug Statement" form**

- **Three letters of reference.**

All applications **must** be sent to:

Congressman Pete Olson
Attn: Service Academy Nominations
6302 West Broadway Street
Suite 220
Pearland, TX 77581

Note: It is in an applicant's best interest to apply for a nomination with one's US Representative, US Senators, and the Vice President. Each office will have its own procedures and deadlines. Contact each office for information.

FACT SHEET FOR STUDENTS DESIRING A CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION FOR MILITARY ACADEMIES

Entrance Requirements

A candidate must be a resident of the 22nd Congressional District! A candidate who is temporarily residing outside the 22nd District because their parents are involved in government or military service must prove legal residence within the 22nd District and show that the move outside the District is temporary. The legal residence of the father normally determines residency. If the parents are divorced, the residence of the parent with whom the applicant lives determines their legal residency.

The candidate for an academy nomination must be a citizen of the United States and be between the ages of 17 and 22. Candidates must have reached their 17th birthday, but NOT have passed their 23rd birthday on or before July 1 of the year they would enter the academy. The Merchant Marine Academy is an exception in that you must not have attained 25 years of age as of July 1 of the year of entry. The candidate **must not** be married, not pregnant, nor have a legal requirement to provide support to a dependent. Academy applicants must be physically fit, have excellent vision as well as physical dexterity and agility as demonstrated on the Physical Aptitude Examination administered by the academies.

A young man or woman with these qualifications must apply to me no later than **OCTOBER 15th, 2013** of the year **BEFORE** he or she desires to enter one of the academies (this is usually the senior year of high school). Screening and processing of the candidates will be completed in time to enable me to meet the deadline for submitting my congressional nominations to the academies. Should a candidate not qualify for a nomination, notification will be given early enough so they may make other educational plans.

Screening Process

To assist in evaluating and selecting nominees, I require:

- a completed formal application;
- an **official** (not photocopy) transcript of high school work, and college if applicable;
- **official** (not photocopies) of SAT (6069) or ACT (7703) scores;
- a recent photograph no larger than 3" x 5" (professional quality NOT required);
- three letters of reference from persons who can provide assessments of an applicant's character, motivation, personality traits, and over-all suitability for a military academy (two of the letters should be from persons in the 22nd district);
- a signed drug statement and a writing sample no greater than five (5) pages on the topic of your choice (this should be a research paper or report that you prepared for a high school or college class).

The deadline for receiving these items in my office is **Tuesday, OCTOBER 15th, 2013**. At that time, an applicant may qualify for an interview with my Service Academy Advisory Board.

Please submit a current application form dated. Please discard any previous applications or any application received from a different Congressional office.

Note: I request only three letters of recommendation. Please do not send more than three. The committee will only use the first three letters received in the office.

The academies do not give an academic examination. Instead, they use the results of the College Entrance Examination Board (SAT) or the American College Testing Program (ACT). Applicants must make their own arrangements to take these tests and should do so **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**. * When determining who will receive your SAT and ACT score reports, please be sure to include code **6069** for SAT tests and code **7703** for ACT tests so that your test scores will be sent directly to our office. Tests may be retaken, and the best combination of scores will be used by the academies.

Selection of Candidates

The 22nd District Service Academy Advisory Board will rank all candidates from the district. The most highly rated applicants will be nominated to the Academy of their choice. My part in the selection process is screening applicants and submitting lists of nominees to the academies. From these lists the academies make the actual appointments.

Vacancies

Normally, our congressional district has one place to fill in each class entering each of the three major service academies. The vacancy is created by the graduation of a cadet from our district each year. However, when a cadet leaves an academy for any reason before graduation, a vacancy is created for the next year and changes the cycle.

Many young people I will nominate rank sufficiently high so that the academies select them for entrance through quotas other than "congressional." These include "athletic", "additional," "Secretary of the Army," "qualified alternate," etc. Thus, more candidates now have the opportunity to enter an academy than in past years.

Each academy requires the submission of a preliminary application to initiate the admissions process. If you have not already contacted the Academy of your choice, please do so now by using their website. This will let the Academy know you seek admission, and they will provide you general information, a pre-candidate questionnaire plus open a pre-admission file on you. Their websites are:

U.S. Air Force Academy	http://academyadmissions.com
U.S. Military Academy (West Point)	http://admissions.usma.edu
U.S. Naval Academy	http://www.usna.edu/admissions
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	http://www.usmma.edu/admissions/default.htm

Merchant Marine Academy

A different nomination procedure is followed for the Merchant Marine Academy. Each Texas Member of Congress can nominate ten candidates, who then compete with all others nominated for the 13 spots Texas is allocated.

Coast Guard Academy

There are no congressional nominations or geographic quotas for the Coast Guard Academy. These appointments are made by the Commandant of the Coast Guard by means of a national competitive examination. Applications should be received by the Director of Admission, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, 06320, before December 1 of the year prior to entrance at the academy. Their website is www.cga.edu.

In Summary

Selection of candidates by the academies is based on academic records, class standing, SAT or ACT scores, results of the medical examination and physical aptitude tests, leadership potential and personal interviews.

There are always numerous applications for each vacancy, and competition is heavy. However, ANY person who meets the requirements of the academies has a chance to be nominated.

My office will provide prospective candidates an application packet upon request. **No one will receive an interview or qualify for a nomination unless a completed application and all accompanying information has been received at my Pearland office by 5:00PM on OCTOBER 15th, 2013.**

For further information please call my office at 281-485-4855 or write:

Congressman Pete Olson

Attn: Service Academy Nominations

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Suite 220

Pearland, TX 77581